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It's play time!

Fun at Ballam Park thanks to the play area's new water feature

Four new play spaces open across Frankston City in time for summer

If you've been hearing more laughter and squeals of joy from children across Frankston City lately and wondering what's going on – here's the answer!

Four exciting new play spaces were opened by Council before the summer school holidays, including the City's first water play at Ballam Park.

All the play spaces have been designed

with the community, accessibility, safety, and fun in mind.

Frankston City Council Mayor Nathan Conroy said he was proud of the new play spaces across the municipality.

"Health, safety, liveability, and accessibility are all key drivers for Council and these play spaces tick all those boxes," he said.

"Seeing families enjoying our new and upgraded open spaces – like these play spaces – is one of the best parts of my job."

As a new dad, Mayor Conroy said he was looking forward to enjoying many special moments with his family at these play spaces.

"My son is a little too young to test things out, but as a family we will be

taking advantage of the picnic and barbeque facilities as often as we can until he's ready for the nature and water play!" he said.

"Along with other families, I hope to create many memories in the play spaces."

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Mayor's message

Five New Year's resolutions

It is well-known that New Year's resolutions do not have much of a success rate – but there's a reason for that. Too often people set lofty goals based on hard-to-achieve ideals and this often sabotages well-meaning promises for a prosperous year ahead. Life, however, is a marathon, not a sprint.

At Frankston City Council, we're not focused on the fast and furious, but on getting the basics right.

So here are our resolutions – or rather, soon-to-be realities – for 2023.

1. Roads

Last year brought some flash flooding which hampered our daily routine, and in 2023 we're focusing on doing small jobs with big impact for our residents.

Plans are already in place and teams already working on sites to deliver roadworks. Expect to see the Fletcher Road underpass brighter and safer with an LED wall installation, and 18 roads in our road renewal program set to take us through to the middle of 2023. Apart from upgrades to roads, we're looking at more sustainable transport as our e-bike trial, rendered a success, is set to end in January 2023 and engagement begins as to how it will look in the future. Our Integrated Transport Strategy will ensure our City is liveable and well-connected, not just in 2023 but for the long haul. For more info about this, scan the QR code.



2. Rubbish

Waste management is one of the most significant services delivered by Frankston City Council to our community. However, a growing population and limited landfill capacity are placing increased pressure on waste management systems around Victoria.

We hope to encourage more people to do little things to help divert rubbish from landfills. In 2023, we are not just laying the groundwork but working to divert 80 per cent of waste from landfills by 2030. Last year, we explored 'waste circularity' initiatives and are doing all we can to encourage more residents to hop on board for a greener economy.

Little things can make a big difference, like the popular Garage Sale Trail initiative and our kitchen benchtop caddies available at Seaford and Carrum Downs libraries and the Visitors Information Centre.

3. Rates

Last year, Council rates rose all around Australia and Frankston City was no exception. Inflation is out of our hands but what we can do is make sure there is no drastic cut in services by ensuring our money is spent wisely and on what people expect of us in order to offer the most efficient services to our community. For big projects, our well-oiled advocacy team is already working to ensure Federal and State funding to ease the burden on ratepayers. Thanks to our advocacy work, only a percentage of our budget comes from rates income.



4. Revitalisation

The Frankston Revitalisation Board is just one of the many boards I sit on, and its vision is to encourage Federal and State government investment to revitalise the Frankston City Centre. In previous issues of *Frankston City News*, and engagement pop-ups around our City, you may have been asked to share input following our presentation of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan.

Find out about major projects we have commenced planning for on page 3.

For more about FMAC, scan the QR Code.



5. Relationships

In my last column of *Frankston City News* for 2022, I made a personal pledge to forge more relationships with people and groups in our community. For me, the success of Council depends on listening to what residents have to say, on seeing problems and finding solutions. I find that this is sometimes a balancing act as we work hard to make positive decisions for the greater community.

Cr Nathan Conroy, Mayor

Message from the CEO

Foundations for the future

Last year was one filled with optimism and hope for the future. Many of the seeds planted in 2022 will bear fruits in 2023 and beyond.

As we power into a new year, let me highlight some of the important work we are doing.

Community needs assessment

We know that decisions we make today will have a huge impact on people's future. That is why we are working to deliver projects which meet your needs.

In 2022, many Council departments worked together to develop a 20-year draft Community Needs Assessment and Community Infrastructure Plan which was adopted by Council at its December Council Meeting.

As the blueprint for strengthening our long-term decision-making process, the draft plan will guide us when setting priorities so they meet the needs of the community across the municipality. This approach will strengthen Council's long-term decision-making

and priority setting. Of course, in a rapidly changing world, situations change. For this reason, the work will be reviewed over time in order to align with our City's demographic changes.

Smart Cities

Last year, we became the first city in Victoria and the first non-state capital to adopt Neuron Mobility pedal-assisted e-bikes. During our one-year trial, we received feedback from various groups. Now that the trial period is ending, it's time to help us shape the future of e-bikes in Frankston City.

You can have your say on our e-bikes through to 12 February by visiting engage.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Apart from e-bikes, we've adopted more technology to improve the quality of life for residents in our city. It's our way of anticipating future needs.

We also have our new Digital Wayfinding Screens at Frankston Foreshore, Wells Street, and Young Street, making it easier for locals and visitors to navigate our city.



Welcome to our City

We want to celebrate our CBD and suburbs and assist visitors in navigating their way around our municipality. Council's new Wayfinding Strategy and Style Guide, endorsed by Council last month, will assist in delivering this. The strategy proposes new signage at key gateway and suburb entrances and delivers a clear and consistent signage suite for future projects. This includes Council buildings, open spaces, public realm and shared-use paths. Our new signage will be all-inclusive, complying with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer

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City sites sparkle for locals and visitors

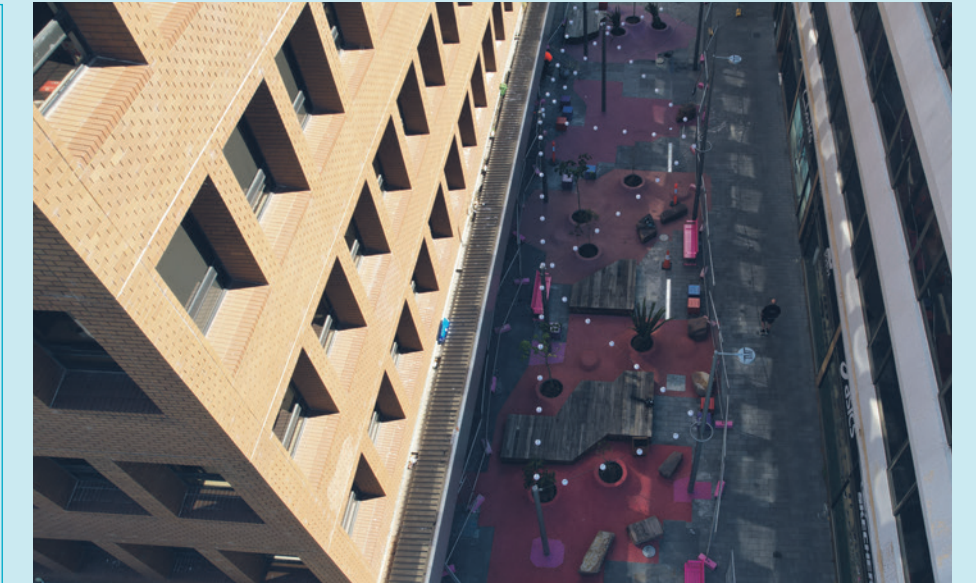
Three busy Frankston City sites are starting the new year shining brightly thanks to a significant revitalisation initiative to improve community safety, amenity and attract more people to Frankston's City Centre.

White Street Mall, the Fletcher Road gateway precinct, and Frankston Pier lighting improvements are all part of Revitalising Frankston, funded by the Victorian Government through the Office of Suburban Development, and Frankston City Council. The White Street Mall improvements were also partly funded by the Local Government Victoria COVID Safe Outdoor Activation Fund.

As a result of the projects, locals and visitors to Frankston City can enjoy enhanced visitor experiences around the city centre, whether they're walking, driving, bike riding or commuting on the train.

Fletcher Road gateway

- Significant greening on the north and south sides of the Fletcher Road overpass, including increased tree canopy and landscaping to enhance Frankston City's urban forest and biodiversity.
- 'Scale', a wonderful new integrated public art and lighting installation in the underpass space. The installation illustrates the epic migration of the short-finned eel, migrating 3,000 kilometres from Kananook Creek to the Coral Sea and acknowledges Frankston City's geographic, historical, and cultural connection to waterways.
- Landscaping improvements on the roundabout.



White St Mall captured from above shortly before opening to the public

White Street Mall revitalisation

- New energy efficient LED lighting will improve community safety and support positive interactions.
- Flexible seating, activity areas and greening are integrated on a new coloured, organic-shaped surface to help draw visitors into the mall and provide a platform for activations and events.
- To celebrate the new space there are some pop-up activations and entertainment which started in January 2023.

Frankston Pier lighting

The new lighting reinforces the character of the iconic pier while providing a safe and pleasant experience.

- New energy-efficient LED lighting has been carefully integrated to light both the Sight Line semaphore windvanes and to meet public lighting requirements for the pier deck.
- Old poles and lighting that were cluttering the pier have been removed.

Several other projects are supported throughout the city as part of Revitalising Frankston. For more information, go to suburbandevelopment.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code.



Banksia beauty shines at Seaford

The Seaford Community Centre forecourt has been transformed.

Funded by Frankston City Council, the improvements include lawn renovations and new irrigation to provide a green oasis for picnics, tree pruning and planting, new garden beds

and the centrepiece – a giant silver orb sculpture. Designed and constructed locally, the Orb uses the indigenous Coastal Banksia (*Banksia integrifolia*) for inspiration and consists of stylised banksia leaves enveloping a bright

yellow banksia flower that is illuminated from within at night. The Orb also has the word 'Seaford' etched on a banksia leaf noting its location in the Seaford civic precinct. The banksia design was championed by Cr Kris Bolam.



The Orb is inspired by the iconic banksia flower, found in abundance in Seaford

Frankston is changing!

From 31 October to 12 December, Council's Strategic Planning Department consulted with the community on the Draft Frankston Metropolitan Activity (FMAC) Structure Plan.

The Structure Plan provides a framework for how the city will transform and develop over the next 20 years - providing clear direction on land uses, housing, buildings, employment, streetscapes and open space, and movement and transport. The Draft FMAC Structure Plan is

based on community feedback that we received during consultation on the Emerging Ideas paper held in April 2022. Throughout the consultation period, Council ran walking tours, interviews, surveys, and workshops as well as pop ups at the Festival of Lights, PARC and

Wells Street. Feedback received during the Draft Structure Plan consultation period will inform the final document that will be considered by Council in 2023. Scan the QR code for more info.



The challenges of youth

The Youth Action Plan sets priorities for the next five years

The Frankston Youth Action Plan 2022-2026 aims to address the needs of young people and get more youth a seat at the table in local government.

The plan identifies the future needs of people aged 12- to 24-years, provides opportunities for their greater participation and offers services for young people.

A large part of the plan was developed via community feedback. Through five key priorities, the plan addresses important issues such as disability, education, disengagement, housing and homelessness, family violence, and drugs and alcohol.

The priorities are: (1) providing safe places in our community; (2) health and well-being; (3) education and employment; (4) inclusion and accessibility; (5) youth participation and engagement.

Deputy Mayor Liam Hughes, Frankston City's youngest Deputy Mayor to date, made history in 2020 when he was elected as the youngest-ever councillor in Victoria. He said the plan was "created following extensive engagement with those most affected by it".

"I hope with such plans and policies in place, more young people will follow," he said, adding the Youth Action Plan enables younger people's voices to be heard.

"A diversity of voices makes our society fairer."

Already, young people are benefitting from Council services. Jess Healy, a member of the Youth Council, said, the Youth Action Plan will "show the community that young people here in Frankston City can be engaged, positive, and it will bring direct change".

Hunter Wallington, aged 16, has been a member of the Advisory Youth Council



Members of the Frankston Youth Council, a youth advocacy and action group of young people aged from 12 to 24 years

for Frankston Youth Services since the age of 12. "It will make youth more comfortable to be themselves," Hunter said, adding a keenness to join Youth Council next year.

Scan the QR Code to read the Youth Action Plan.

For more info on council youth services for young people, read Councillor Asker's column on page 8.



Jack's story

Jack Knight is a local man who turned his life around

As members of the Youth2 Alliance, Council advocates working with local, state and federal government to address the absence of youth crisis accommodation and support in Frankston City and the Mornington Peninsula.

A recent video created by the group follows the life of someone who turned his life around. Young Jack Knight (featured in the video) is one of the many who flee family violence and sleep rough because they have nowhere to go.

"Going through my life there was a bit of family conflict, family breakdown. I went and stayed with a friend and that was sort of the only place I had to go," he said, while calling for more accommodation centres where people can feel safe.

"You have to sort of toss-up between a roof over their head or putting them in an unsafe environment," he said. "My passion is youth homelessness because I see the revolving door of homelessness and what it leads to."

Scan the QR code to watch the video.



Tackling anti-social behaviour

Council's Rapid Response Team aims to prevent anti-social, harmful, destructive and illegal behaviour by being present in public spaces across the municipality and undertaking joint patrols alongside Victoria Police.

The team engages with businesses and community members on a range of topics including responsible pet ownership, permits they may require and understanding ongoing safety issues.

Sam Grimshaw, the senior officer of the team, said, "Our main purpose is to educate the community by going out and engaging with people. We just want to make sure that people are aware of the local laws and what they can and can't do."

Community Laws Officer Narelle Boorer, who is also part of the team, said, "I enjoy coming to work. I like the diversity. And each day can change like that. You might get a phone call about needing to be in a specific area. You don't know what you may come across."

Fellow team member Jeff Jarvis said, "You need comfortable shoes for this job as, when on patrol, we



Jeff Jarvis, Narelle Boorer and Sam Grimshaw make up Frankston City's Rapid Response Team

average 20,000 steps a day (approximately 16km)." The times and locations of their patrols vary, and you never know when you may come across the Rapid Response Team. They're already making a difference and ensuring the community feel safe and Frankston is welcoming for everyone.

Residents or visitors aware of ongoing or emerging safety issues can let the Safer Communities team know at info@frankston.vic.gov.au or by calling 1300 322 322.

For more info, scan the QR code.



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Finding friendship in a Chatty Cafe

Roger Smith says Chatty Cafes have added value to his life.

He stumbled upon his first 'Chatty Cafe' just before the Frankston Seniors Festival kicked off last October. "There was a sign out the front of Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre which said 'Chatty Cafe' and I went in," he said. What he found was friends.

"They gave me coffee, made me feel welcome and I spoke to others for two hours and so I started to go every week because it was enjoyable," he said.

From being "home alone with nobody to talk to", Mr Smith made friends.

"I went to the Frankston Seniors Festival with someone I met at a Chatty Cafe. Three of my Chatty Cafe friends text me every day while I'm in hospital and there's a lady that I regularly speak with," he said. "She lives in Frankston South, calls me regularly and I wouldn't have met her were it not for the Chatty Cafes."

During the Frankston Seniors Festival, Mr Smith also attended the 'Fast Friends' speed dating-styled Chatty Cafe at Frankston

Library. "There were 11 of us there - three men and eight women," he said, adding that he left the event with the telephone numbers of the two other men.

"There was also a woman who put down my name as someone she'd like to see again, but she was very busy, and we ended up not pursuing that. Either way, it was fun to do!"

Mr Smith said that the Chatty Cafes are something that had really been missing from the community, especially after COVID-19. "In the street I live in, neighbours just drive through and there isn't much community interaction, so these cafes really fulfil a need."

Cr Sue Baker said, "Chatty Cafes aim to reduce social isolation and loneliness by encouraging and creating opportunities for people to interact through conversation. "The aim is to kick start conversations, get people chatting to increase social connections within a community and possibly reduce loneliness along the way."

For more info, scan the QR Code.



Roger Smith (L) enjoys his time with other members of the Chatty Cafe. Why not join one too? There's a Chatty Cafe at Frankston Library every Tuesday at 1:30pm

It pays to say G'day on Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day will be celebrated on 26 March 2023. It is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.

As an extra incentive, Frankston City Council is offering 15 giveaways of \$140 Woolworths vouchers for those who reach out to their neighbours for a Neighbour Day event. Lucky

winners will also receive a life-sized street sign to be used for their neighbour-day celebrations.

Whether it be through a cuppa or street party, helping an older person down the road or sharing some soup with someone who is unwell, it is the perfect day to show appreciation for those who live near us. Research shows us that when people connect with their communities, they have a

greater sense of belonging, which leads to improved mental well-being and a reduction in loneliness. It also contributes to strength and resilience in the face of external pressures.

In this way, everyone who reaches out to a neighbour is a winner, but you can also receive a voucher by applying for a Neighbour Day event until 8pm, Sunday, 12 February 2023.

Is your charity eligible for a grant?

Local charities are encouraged to apply for Frankston Charitable Fund grant, a sub-fund of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.

Frankston Charitable Fund has awarded more than \$250,000 worth of

grants to 62 local charities since 2009. These include Project Creativity Inc, Operation Larder, Miscarriage Information Support Service and Theodora's Cheerful Givers to deliver innovative programs and projects that support the Frankston City community.

Project Creativity Managing Director, Dean Maroney said: "We were fortunate enough to receive \$8,502

from Frankston Charitable Fund last year to support the delivery of our fine art program. The funding meant we could continue using the arts to drive change in disadvantaged communities and create exciting new projects for our annual Showcase!"

Local charities with an innovative program or project are encouraged to apply before 16 February 2023.

For more information about the Frankston Charitable Fund grants program, how to apply and eligibility, visit frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Grants-and-funding or scan the QR code.



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Ballam Park

Where: Cranbourne Road, Karingal
Target age: All ages

Located in one of our most popular parks, the play space is focused on accessibility, connectivity, and natural play, with water, sand, nature and sculptural play all key features. It complements the existing popular play space at the park, Ballam Bumps, and includes:

- Accessible play equipment
- Giant basket swing
- Traditional swings
- A carousel
- Extensive natural tree shade and shelters
- On-site parking
- Improved accessibility and connections between existing Ballam Bumps, public toilets, and the car park
- Drinking fountains

Funding: \$3m low interest loan from the State Government.



Simone Long, four-year-old pre-school teacher, Ballam Park Preschool:

“We are about a 10 minutes’ walk from the new play space and the children have been watching the construction since the old play space was demolished. The children have been drawing how the playground has changed and they have really noticed that there is more natural space. We all love this as the natural environment is very much the focus of our pre-school. The kids are especially excited about the water play and were so excited to try it. After our first visit, I heard one of the children tell his mum that it was “the best day ever”.



Orwil Reserve

Where: corner Orwil Street and Cricklewood Avenue, Frankston
Target age: One – 12 years

A beautifully upgraded play space next door to the popular Orwil Street Community House. The space is fully fenced and offers plenty of on-street parking as well as:

- Junior and senior play with some nature play
- Shade sails and tree shade
- Picnic and BBQ shelter
- Seating

Funding: \$400,000 fully funded by Frankston City Council.



Karen Vanderkaay, Manager, Orwil Street Community House:

“On the morning of the play space opening we were cutting up onions in preparation for the BBQ when a resident popped in and told us his story: He said he was responsible for the BBQs being included in the park. He said that when Council asked what the community wanted, his family said, “we need BBQs”. He was so impressed with the result and was so pleased that Council had listened and included residents in the design of the upgrades.

Families came from all around the neighbourhood to check out the park on opening day, the children were having a wonderful time playing on all the new equipment! Overwhelmingly people said they had a great day and loved the park. What an amazing transformation.

It’s been a pleasure working with the various people from Council to create the beautiful play space next door and finish our backyard.



Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve

Where: near the corner of Wedge Road and Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs
Target age: All ages

This district play space is a much-needed new outdoor haven for families across Carrum Downs to spend the day together playing (take your pick of sand, sculptural and nature water play!), picnicking and relaxing close to home. As well as the picnic and BBQ facilities, locals and visitors can enjoy:

- Accessible play equipment
- Giant basket swing
- Traditional swings
- Trampolines
- Drinking fountains
- Sail and tree shade
- Improved pathway to existing reserve toilets. New toilets to be constructed in 2023

Funding: \$1.5m: \$1.2m from Council. The project was also supported by the State Government through the Parks Revitalisation Grants Program (\$300,000).

Vanessa, Carrum Downs mum of two:

“My boys are eight and nine years old and they are both so excited to have a great new playground close to home. I’m sure we’ll be spending plenty of time there!

It’s a real win for Carrum Downs families, especially the new facilities like BBQs and shelters. It means we can spend more time there together.

Brolga Park

Where: Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs
Target age: One – 12 years

Nestled away in Carrum Downs, this lovely new play space is fenced in and offers junior and senior play and some nature play. While you’re in the area, stop in and check out the Lyrebird Community Centre.

Other play space features include:

- Tree shade
- Picnic shelter and tables and seating
- Street parking

Funding: \$400,000 fully funded by Frankston City Council.

Ballam Park upgrades

Ballam Park is undergoing an exciting \$3 million transformation. Older children can enjoy play at Ballam Bumps and there’s a new play space connecting to this and designed to provide children of all ages with a different type of play, including water play, nature play, sand and sculptural play. Additional features include BBQs and picnic facilities. Funded through a State Government loan, I am excited to see the project come to fruition and have worked to ensure it continues to receive the necessary funding to modernise the play space. Believe it or not, there’s more to come so keep an eye out! Find out more in our Cover Story on play spaces on pages 1 and 6.

Local area traffic management

My ward has benefitted from several road safety upgrades through Council’s Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies. These studies investigate traffic, pedestrian, and cyclist safety concerns within an LATM precinct. A treatment plan is then developed so that projects can be implemented through our Long-Term Implementation Plan (LTIP). We have 34 LATM precincts, and two to three studies per year.

We are undertaking works in the Belvedere (Seaford) and McCormicks (Carrum Downs and Skye) LATM plans and finishing up the last three treatments in the Seaford LATM plan (Seaford) to the tune of \$2.12 million. These final works include three roundabouts on Railway Parade at intersections with Selsey Street, Coonara Avenue and Johnstone Street. We expect all these works to be completed over the next two years.

Completed in the last two years:

- Dalpura (Frankston) – \$272,000
- Hartnett (Seaford) – \$450,000
- Fairway (Frankston) – \$510,000

Please contact me if a road needs safety upgrades.

Safer parks

I successfully championed a new by-law to prevent dogs from being within 10 metres of local play areas. Thankfully, in our City we’ve been lucky, but other municipalities have recorded horrific cases of children being maimed or, in some cases, killed by uncontrollable dogs.

By the end of June 2023, there will be signage around play areas to remind people of the new law which faces fines of up to \$165.

Another problem is weekend vandalism. I am often asked about this and urge residents to report vandalism on 1300 322 322.



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Job advocates

We are lucky to live in a country with a low unemployment rate. Even so, the job market isn’t always easy especially for those competing for entry-level jobs and women entering the job market after many years of absence from it.

Frankston City Council is working with the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions to deliver the State Government’s \$41.2 million Jobs Victoria Advocates program in Frankston City.

There are three Jobs Victoria Advocates who work throughout the Frankston community to offer career change or advice for training pathways.

Our Job Advocates have specialist knowledge about the employment and training systems, and they understand that people dealing with unemployment may need the support of other services.

Jobs Advocates are available for drop-in sessions at Frankston Library every Monday between 10am–12.30pm.

Wingham Park champions

Council is looking for Champions. Seniors interested in volunteering their time to help others in the community are sought. Trained up to be personal trainers, these Champions will help older people to engage in physical and social activities at the refurbished Wingham Park, next to Karingal PLACE. The new park has specialised outdoor exercise equipment which the Seniors Exercise Park Champions will be trained to use in order to lead community other community members in interested in participating in exercise using the new equipment.

The Champions will be trained to instruct and guide others on how to use the exercise equipment safely, provide guidance on how to perform exercises, provide general guidance on how to make exercises more challenging or easier, and support and encourage others to be active.

All you need to be a Champion is to be friendly, able to work with and lead others, have good communication skills and be passionate about meeting others and helping the community. If you are interested, call Jo Varghese on 9784 1783 or email positiveageing@frankston.vic.gov.au

Healthy Ageing

The National Centre for Healthy Ageing (NCHA) will be a game-changer for quality ageing in Frankston City. The federally-funded joint venture between Peninsula Health and Monash University will have new key initiatives located at Belvedere Reserve in Seaford. I look forward to the venture, which will tie into the Frankston City Council Health and Wellbeing Plan.



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Respect@work

On 25 November, we commemorated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. As we edge closer to International Women’s Day on 8 March 2023 we look to the necessity of cultivating respect for each other.

Respect is about regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others: treating everyone and everything with care. Demonstrating respect through our behaviour towards others, develops meaningful relationships, tackles problems and builds positive places.

Sound easy? In practice it’s not. Communities and workplaces bear witness to this. Domestic violence, sexual harassment, and discrimination, largely against women and gender-diverse people, is prevalent. Many of us have personal experience or know family or friends who have. These issues affect our municipality’s health. The statistics are stark. Let’s call it out.

Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins’ 2020 report, Respect@work, made 55 recommendations for safe, inclusive and respectful workplaces.

Legislation in 2022 enshrined seven of them. They take a proactive stance about harassment at work, requiring employers to continually act, assess and evaluate certain requirements. Everyone working in our municipality deserves psychological and physical safety. Let’s speak up when it’s not happening.

In Australia, on average, one woman is murdered by her partner every week. In the year ending March 2021, reports of intimate partner violence against women in Frankston numbered 1,490 compared to 340 for males. The advocacy campaign ‘16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence’ addresses this atrocity. Phil Cleary, footballer and activist spoke of his family’s lived experience of violence against his sister at Frankston’s launch event.

His practical call out to community groups and Council was to ensure leadership roles are shared equally by men and women. Role models lift respect for gender equality. In Frankston City, where 51 per cent of the population are women, there should be shared leadership responsibilities across businesses, community groups, sports clubs and boards.

Frankston City Council should set the pace, however the ratio in the current term (six men, three women) does not show this. The state government’s ‘Women Leading Locally’ program hopes to ensure Victoria achieves 50 per cent female representation in local government by 2025.

More info on pages 13 and 20.



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North-West Ward

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Continuity

In December I got re-elected for a second term as Mayor of Frankston – a City on the move, with bold plans and a bright future. Being elected as Mayor in 2021 was a great honour but being re-elected back-to-back by my Councillor colleagues for a second successive term in 2022 has been a source of great pride.

I am very happy that I can give the city some continuity by continuing to serve here. Already, the community is seeing the results of the work this Council is doing. Just recently, there was a Community Satisfaction Survey that showed satisfaction with community decisions, overall governance and leadership – both of which reached 71 per cent, noting increases to the previous survey.

Council is dedicated to working with all relevant stakeholders to unlock our City's endless potential, exemplified by the ongoing revitalisation of Playne Street.

The iconic Betty's Burgers recently opened their 1950s burger shack style family restaurant in Playne Street and the rooftop Hotel Lona in Frankston is now also open.

Hotel Lona is a new, unique, large dining and entertainment venue in the heart of Frankston and will create between 30 and 40 new jobs on the corner of Playne Street and Nepean Highway.

These businesses will add to the resurgence of Frankston City and become part of the rich community fabric.

Being at the helm while all this is happening is a great honour and one for which I am extremely grateful.

Our new play spaces

The bus journey between Carrum Downs and Ballam Park is around 15 minutes and covers a distance of around seven kilometres. What makes both of them special is that they offer water play for kiddies to enjoy. All up, three of our new play spaces are located in these areas, providing activity, participation and exploration opportunities for children and families.

But they have more than that in common. They are part of nine new play spaces being redesigned and upgraded by Council – four of these can be viewed on Pages 1 and 6.

What's special about these play spaces is that they give kids a chance to enjoy a variety of play styles – including water play at Ballam Park.

When the weather warms up it's nice for kids to cool off and enjoy rollicking around the water sprouts. That's the stuff childhood memories are made of.

Cr Nathan Conroy, Mayor

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Then, now and the future

I took a photo of my granddaughter Natasha Owens when she visited me in Council 10 years ago.

Even then, Natasha had a keen interest in politics, and it hasn't waned. These days, she can rattle off the names of federal and state backbenchers and was particularly impressed when Councillor Liam Hughes was elected as the youngest-ever Deputy Mayor of Frankston City.

Natasha has always been interested in her community and the way in which decisions are made and how they affect people's lives, and she hopes to study political science at university.

Speaking to Natasha gives me hope for the future, and one of our duties as Council is to encourage young people to engage.

Our Youth Action Plan, see page 4, is one way we hope to keep young people engaged.

Other free Council services include the following:

- **Youth hangouts:** Hubs with recreational activities, youth workers, education/employment support, training opportunities, free Wi-Fi, PCs and printing, etc.
- **The WHAT Bus:** Mobile youth buses custom-fitted with gaming facilities and laptop stations which offer a safe space for young people to hang out.
- **The WHAT Program:** Awareness-raising local program to support young people to respond to their challenges and needs
- **Project Y:** Working with Frankston Children's Court to offer advocacy and support to young people
- **Frankston Youth Council:** A youth advocacy group made up of people aged 12-24 years
- **NexGen Advisory program:** Opportunities for young people aged from 12-24 years to give feedback to inform the event and program development and service delivery of Frankston City's Youth Services
- **Fresh Entertainment (FReeZA):** Young people aged from 12-24 years collaborate to deliver youth events

When we find ways to engage with young people, my mind always goes to Natasha and her peers.

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Child Safe Standards

As a mother and grandmother, I know the importance of providing children with the best care and the need to take children's safety seriously.

I was very relieved to hear that relevant Community Groups which use Council facilities, receive grants or have an official arrangement with Council need to comply with changes to Child Safe Standards implemented on 1 July 2022.

Council staff are required to have Working With Children's checks and have already completed training on the new Standards.

For more information, scan the QR Code.



Frankston Business Collective

The Frankston Business Collective, one of my passion projects connects businesses together and is already hosting amazing and useful summits and networking opportunities. It is very unique in that it isn't focused only on money but building long-term connections and meaningful exchange. Keep an eye out on its upcoming events, such as its Women in Business summit on 16 February and inaugural Business Excellence Awards this year.

There's a lot to watch out for. The Frankston Business Collective will be conducting events for new business operators as well as senior leaders across a variety of topics such as cyber security, how to write winning grant applications and exporting for success. Sign up for the Collective's weekly eNewsletters on the website or better still join the 120 other local businesses that have already joined up as our members.

For more information, scan the QR Code.



Scam warning

Council offers many services to help the vulnerable, from home care to home maintenance.

Council is sometimes made aware of scammers visiting homes claiming to be from Council and wanting entry to people's homes for numerous reasons from wanting to install something to wishing to help with home maintenance.

You will always be advised before a Council worker comes to your home. If someone knocks on your door advising they are from Council offering services you haven't booked, please don't let them in.

You can protect yourself from scammers by never, under any circumstances providing your personal, banking or superannuation details to strangers who have approached you via text messages or in any other way.

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Foreshore parking

A walk on the boardwalk or dip at Frankston beach is a quintessential summer experience in our beautiful City.

Residents can take advantage of the Foreshore Parking Permits which allow you to park free of charge at Frankston City Council's foreshore car parks.

Households are eligible to receive two free foreshore permits. There are two types of permits available, those for ratepayers and those for tenants. So come along and enjoy the beautiful blue hues and salty breeze of Frankston City by the seaside. But as you soak it all in, don't forget to follow the parking time limits shown on the signs.

Frankston in "hottest 100"

At the end of last year, Frankston was included among Australia's "hottest 100" suburbs, according to realestate.com.

There's a lot more to our City than meets the eye, thanks to its offerings. We have our hospital, education institutions and a spectacular seaside and wondrous nature reserves.

At the heart of the entertainment district is Playne Street, known for its hustle and bustle. There's always something to do at this strip thanks to its eateries, bowling alleys and proximity to connecting laneways featuring beautiful artworks.

Business concierge

Our Business Concierge is a free service to help guide you as you start or grow your business. We know that navigating through Council can be difficult and businesses may need one or more permits to start operating or to expand. The Business Concierge can help with the following:

- providing information to help open or expand your business
- understanding which permits you will need
- completing and submitting these applications
- offering advice on other aspects of running your business.
- connecting you with our FREE business mentor program

Get in touch with our experienced concierge today by emailing businessconcierge@frankston.vic.gov.au.

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A new year begins

As we embark upon a new year, I am mindful that we are now more than halfway through this 2020-2024 Council Term! Those of us who are new, first-term Councillors have certainly been on a steep learning curve. Council's involvement within the community goes way beyond "roads, rates and rubbish", as the saying goes! In the lead up to Christmas I was involved in a 'thank you' afternoon tea for the volunteers who work tirelessly as a part of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network (FEFN), wrapping gifts at Bayside Shopping Centre as a fundraiser for Community Support Frankston, and celebrating a tree planting at the Downs Community Farm, as a part of the celebrations commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

I have received a number of emails and phone calls from residents regarding various planning matters, including the FMAC Structure Plan, as well as issues relating to people's streets and neighbourhoods. I assisted with a video relating to the new single-use plastics ban that will be implemented as of February 2023 (more on page 19), and on a related note I certainly share people's frustration regarding the RedCycle soft plastics recycling service being 'paused' for the time being. I remain committed to working with Officers to find effective, sustainable waste solutions as we shift toward becoming a more 'circular economy', and I am deeply encouraged that there has been a renewed interest in FOGO in recent months.

As well as completing training with the Institute of Company Directors during 2022, Cr Sue Baker, Cr Brad Hill and myself were also appointed as Honorary Justices of the Peace. We are looking forward to being able to support our local community members in this additional way. If this little snapshot into the life of a local Councillor sparks an interest, perhaps you'd consider running for election in 2024? If you'd like to talk this through further, please do get in touch – I'm very passionate about seeing strong and diverse representation at all levels of government for the benefit of our City!

Keeping roads safe

The same rainfall that ensures our municipality is lush is also responsible for grass overgrowth and pot holes. Kudos to Council's road and drainage teams that work in wet and windy conditions to keep our roads safe.

Over the next six months, Council will undertake 18 road repair and resheeting works throughout the city to maximise the life of these roads as part of our Road Renewal Program. By resurfacing our roads prior to significant deterioration we can save ratepayers money later down the track.

The repair works began in November and will continue through to June. Each road takes three to four days to complete, but any temporary disruption is well worth it.

Frankston Yacht Club

Last winter, I went on a trip to the Mediterranean and visited the Greek islands and other holiday hotspots touted as the best sailing destinations in the world. My mind, however, was on Frankston City which has just as much to offer when it comes to yachting thanks to the Frankston Yacht Club.

It was founded in 1937 by a group of yachting enthusiasts when it started operating out of Kananook Creek. Currently located at a modern two-storey building adjacent to Kananook Creek on the Frankston foreshore, our very own yacht club promotes yachting in the area of Port Phillip and is a huge drawcard for the sport.

When I'm not in Council or studying, I am a sailing instructor at the yacht club and also work behind the bar on an as needed basis. In this way, I have first-hand experience of the importance of this facility which played a role in growing my own interest in this sport.

If you can't get to the Mediterranean, I highly recommend a visit to our very own Frankston Yacht Club.

Vale Paul Jones

At the end of last year, I attended the 45th birthday celebrations for the Frankston Toy Library and was glad to see children loving their time there.

It was the last time I saw Amanda Jones, whose firefighter husband Paul Jones was involved in a fatal car crash on Tuesday, 10 January.

A dedicated firefighter, Paul also played with the Baxter Soccer Club for a number of years. He was adored by the community and his untimely death at the age of 35 has shocked us all.

I'd like to offer my condolences to Amanda and her son, Henry, who is only 2 years of age.

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THE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL 2023



YOUR ULTIMATE SUMMER CELEBRATION BY THE BAY!

Head to The Waterfront Festival this February for a hot line up of family friendly entertainment. Across two days the waterfront will come alive with three live music stages, cultural performances, beach activities, a market and over 30 food trucks! Lots of swimming, sunshine and lawn activities to be enjoyed, and for those looking for that extra spark the Saturday night fireworks will be spectacular.



GARDEN BAR

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE CHEEKY SQUIRE

With the food trucks a stone's throw away, live music and cool sips from local breweries, distilleries, wine makers and cocktail shakers, it's the place to kick back and relax on the grass. Grab a spot, hang with some mates and soak up the summer tunes while watching the sun set over the bay.



FOOD TRUCK SQUARE

Excite those tastebuds! Follow the sound of sizzles and delicious aromas coming from the Food Truck Square. Treat yourself to all the flavours of the world across 30 trucks. Go on, you deserve it.



WATERFRONT STAGE

This year the Waterfront stage has an incredible line up of artists. See Australian rock legends, YOU AM I, The Casanova's, The Voice fan favourite Thndo, Melbourne Ska Orchestra, The Merindas, Kylie Auldlist plus so many more – there's something for everyone!

Check out the full two day line up via the website and get ready to gear up for some incredible music throughout the festival.



THE DREAMING SPACE

Escape to a world full of discovery, curiosity and surprise at The Dreaming Space. It's a place to let your imagination be stirred and your senses ignited.



FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!

Let's celebrate with a colourful bang. A festival fave, get your crew together and enjoy the fireworks spectacular on Saturday night, kicking off from 9.45pm from the end of the Frankston Pier. Best viewing spots? Head down to the beach, pier promenade or Olivers Hill.



RIDES AND AMUSEMENTS

Calling all thrill seekers and daredevils, prepare yourselves for the adrenaline rush! For games, rides and squeals, this is the place to be. You may even find the best seats for views of the bay!



EMERGING ARTISTS

Ever thought about where the likes of 'Tones and I' began? Well it was busking not far from Frankston. This year FFreeZA – Fresh Entertainment and Frankston Youth Services are bringing the 'Emerging Artist Stage' to life featuring some of our favourite local artists.

Come down and support our local acts and artists in their infancy. You never know, you might even witness a 'Tones and I' in the making!

SATURDAY 18, 12-10PM
SUNDAY 19, 12-8PM, FEBRUARY
FRANKSTON WATERFRONT



WATERFRONT MARKET

Browse, shop, and meander over 40 creators and makers at the waterfront festival market. From art to clothing, homewares, gifts and all sorts in between, it's a great place to discover a one off or a new love.



CHILL OUT SPACE

Enjoy some space, that's a little more chilled. This accessible and inclusive space is perfect for children and adults seeking somewhere that's a touch calmer but still brings the fun. With some bean bags and sensory play objects located away from loud noises, it's a safe environment to explore and unwind.



VENTANA PRECINCT

A vibrant celebration of culture, come and experience the vitality through live music, dance, workshops, unique market stalls and delicious food. Have your camera on hand for the spectacular Mexican Wrestling, *Lucha Libre*, as you witness colourful masks and high-flying manoeuvres.

Full of energy, movement and intercultural entertainment, bring the entire family to experience Ventana.



BEACH AND BEYOND

Keen for some fun by the water? From 12-6pm, there is plenty to see and do with our Beach and Beyond activities on the waterfront that will be sure to get you moving on the sand and on the bay. Don't forget to pack your bathers, sunscreen, hat and towel!



FAMILY FUN

We have you sorted for a weekend full of free entertainment! Climb to new heights on the abseiling wall, join the circus or try one of the many family activities on offer! You won't want to miss out on the fun!

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

When: Saturday 18 February, 12-10pm and Sunday 19 February, 12-8pm

Cost: Free entry with costs for rides, food, market stalls, some activities and amusements

Location: Pier Promenade, Frankston Waterfront

1300 322 322

waterfrontfestival.com.au

The Waterfront Festival will occupy the south and north Waterfront, Kananook boat ramp and Yacht Club car parks from 12.01am Friday 17 February 2023 until 12.01am Monday 20 February 2023. Visit our website for more details on car park closures and changes to traffic conditions.

Information correct at time of printing, subject to change. Frankston City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong People, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.

Invest Frankston



Erin from Young Folks

Invest Frankston Business Grants

The much-anticipated Invest Frankston Business Grants are back!

If the future is calling you, this grant could be the answer you've been waiting for! With a fantastic \$180,000 funding pool available and between \$5,000 and \$30,000 per business up for grabs, the program aims to help businesses expand to a larger space, move from a home-based business to a vacant commercial property, invest in capital, ignite an innovative idea, or relocate to Frankston City from another region. Stage 1 'Initial Concept' applications open

10-24 February 2023. Successful Stage 1 applicants will then be invited to apply for Stage 2 from 3 March 2023. Now in its 11th year, with more than \$1.3 million in grants delivered, the IF Business Grants, funded by Frankston City Council, make today's business vision tomorrow's reality. The grants are focused on helping a range of industries grow, including home-based, manufacturing, hospitality and retail, to enhance and strengthen the local economy now and into the future. Visit investfrankston.com/businessgrants for more details.



Façade Improvement Grants

Do you have a bricks and mortar shopfront that needs a facelift?

Coming soon to Frankston City is the Façade Improvement Grant Program, which is designed to encourage and facilitate business owners, operators and landlords to enhance the presentation of their building or business across the city. This investment not only helps to create a more interesting street

experience, it also has a significant effect on the attractiveness and marketability of the surrounding area. Such improvements support and inspire further business investment. To support this investment, Frankston City will be offering matched-fund grants to assist in exterior façade renovations of buildings located within the Frankston city centre and in other locations around the municipality.



Low-cost workshops help people upskill

Upcoming Workshops and Training

Our Economy, Investment and Activation team are looking forward to bringing you a range of workshops and training to help your business grow and prosper in Frankston City.

This year we will be delivering a number of courses at a low cost, to help you upskill, network and learn new ways of working smarter.

As industry experts, we will also be providing you opportunities to work with us on a number of programs. Sign up to our Invest Frankston Business eNews to hear all about the workshops and training we plan to offer this year and to find out how you can work with us. Visit investfrankston.com to subscribe now.



Hotel Lona is now open to the public

New Business

Investment in Frankston City is on the rise, with more than 300 businesses starting up or relocating to Frankston City in the past quarter.

Take the CBD for instance. Hotel Lona, a new rooftop bar and entertainment hub recently opened on the corner of Playne Street and Nepean Hwy, bringing a new drawcard to Frankston City. Not too far away is new business Cake Party, which opened on Thompson Street

in November last year and just a few shopfronts away, Young Folks Digital, which relocated from Mornington recently, too. Also on Thompson Street, there are five businesses moving in to share the space at number 13-15; Day One Advisory, Wealthpoint Advisory, Cubbi Real Estate, Bright Property Advocates and Bell Lending Services. Stay tuned for more exciting movements such as Sporting Globe and TGI Fridays!

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Equality matters in business

The Frankston Business Collective (FBC) has been established to support a dynamic and diverse business community in Frankston City.

We recognise that there is an opportunity to bring our women in business together to network, learn from one another and also hear from inspirational presenters. We held our first event during October 2022 and we are really pleased to advise that our next 'Frankston Business Collective Frankston Women in Business' event will take place on 16 February 2023 and will provide useful tips and inspirational stories for both men and women.

"The Frankston Business Collective currently comprises around 40 per cent of men and 60 per cent women members, however we also understand how demands from personal and professional

commitments can pressure women to abandon either their business or family," FBC Chair Jeff Rogut said. "We offer tools to help women navigate the through personal and professional commitments because we believe a healthy business environment is one where both genders should flourish." Australian singer and MC Veronica Lees-Amato and psychologist Danielle Jacobs from The Wellbeing Lab will offer useful strategies for people of both genders with tips on how to make an impact while also finding work-life balance.

Ms Lees-Amato said, "I'll be talking about how to leave an impression on someone after you've gone as a way of making an impact. While I don't have any myth busters, I can share the importance of being authentic." She adds, "We try to be more than we are to keep up and be what others

want us to be." Being a woman in business according to Ms Jacobs is a "mix of the daily experience of bravery and terror at the same time."

During her presentation she'll talk about the importance of a good network. "It's not easy running a business and not easy as a woman. Acknowledging our struggles is not a sign of weakness," she said, adding that there is a trend for women to find it more challenging the further we move away from the CBD. "Communities like the FBC are really important to provide a safe space."

Businesswoman Joanna Baker, MC for the event, said she set up a business for herself in 2016 and quadrupled its size. She says technology has made it easier for women, however there are considerations which businesses address. "During my time at Business & Industry, we would talk about how



to be more inclusive. For instance, "can a woman attend a business breakfast?" She says something that stands in the way of women today is that they are the "sandwich generation" caring for kids and parents.

The FBC Women in Business seminar takes place on 16 February 2023 from 10am to noon at McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery (390 McClelland Drive, Langwarrin). For more info, scan the QR Code.



Women leading locally

Women Leading Locally is a community leadership program that is encouraging women aspiring to run in local council elections in 30 target municipalities, including Frankston City, to step forward and apply for a fellowship that will provide them with the skills, tools and support to campaign.

Gender equality is at the heart of a fair and inclusive society. Women were elected to local council in record numbers in 2020 and now form 43.8 per cent of councillors in Victoria. Yet, in 30 of Victoria's 79 councils, less than one third of candidates or elected councillors were women in the 2020 elections.

From 6 March 2023 until 14 April 2023, applications are open for the 2023 Women Leading Locally Fellowships.

Cr Claire Harvey said, "If you're passionate about the environment, about housing, about families and communities being well supported, it might be that local government is the place for you."

"It's critical that women's voices are heard"

Cr Sue Baker said she joined Council because she wanted to make a difference to people's lives. "It's critical that women's voices are heard on Council. I encourage other women to take the first step to achieving this by applying to the Women Leading Locally program," she said.

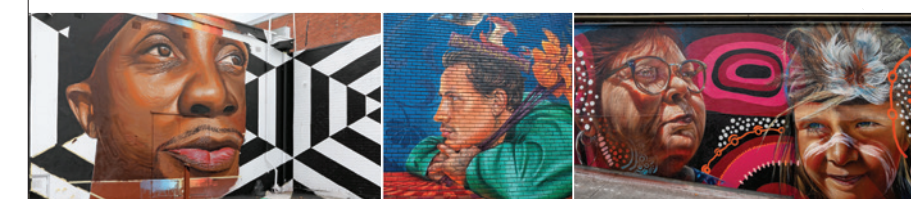
Both Cr Harvey and Cr Baker would love to see more women put their hand up to run as candidates in the Council elections due to take place in 2024.

Scan the QR Code for more info.



Our Street Art Walking Tours are finalists in the prestigious Australian Street Art Awards (Friday, 10 February) after winning Gold last year

Street Art Walking Tours



Learn the secrets of Frankston's murals and their artists on one of the city's national award-winning guided street art walking tours.

Meeting point	Price	Duration
Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston	\$15 per person includes a hot or cold drink	1.5 hours

Dates and Bookings
Tours run weekly. For dates and bookings visit discoverfrankston.com or phone 1300 322 842. Bookings are essential.



For all the latest news, updates and supports for local business follow @InvestFrankstongov.au/Subscribe

Meet your local representatives

With the 2022 state election held on Saturday 26 November, Council has congratulated our re-elected and newly elected local representatives encompassing the Frankston City Council area.

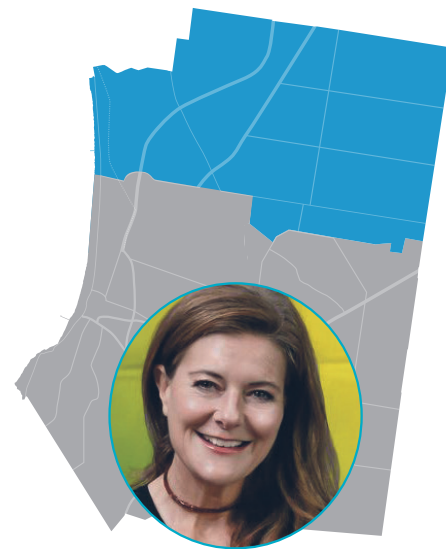
We look forward to continuing our pro-active and positive relationship with our local representatives to collaborate on initiatives that continue to improve the way people live, work, study and enjoy our fantastic community now and into the future.



FRANKSTON Mr Paul Edbrooke MP

Representing Frankston, Frankston South, Frankston North and parts of Seaford, Paul Edbrooke has been re-elected as State Member for Frankston.

At the declaration of the Frankston electorate, Paul said: "Together, we have achieved so much for our Frankston community in such a short time and we are not slowing down anytime soon".



CARRUM Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP

Representing Carrum Downs, Skye, Sandhurst and parts of Seaford (within the Frankston City Council area), Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP has been re-elected as State Member for Carrum.

At the declaration of the Carrum electorate, Sonya said: "I will keep delivering what matters to our local community today, tomorrow and every day after that."

Sonya will also represent the Andrews Labor Government as Minister for Planning and Minister for Outdoor Recreation.



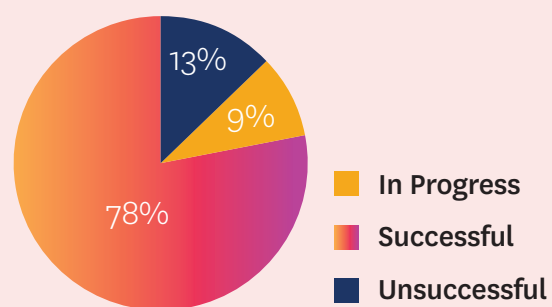
HASTINGS Mr Paul Mercurio MP

Representing Langwarrin and Langwarrin South (within the Frankston City Council area), Paul Mercurio MP has been elected as State Member for Hastings.

At the declaration of the Hastings electorate, Paul said: "I am proud to represent our community but I am only one voice, together we must all speak up to bring about the change we want for our community. Together we will make the difference."

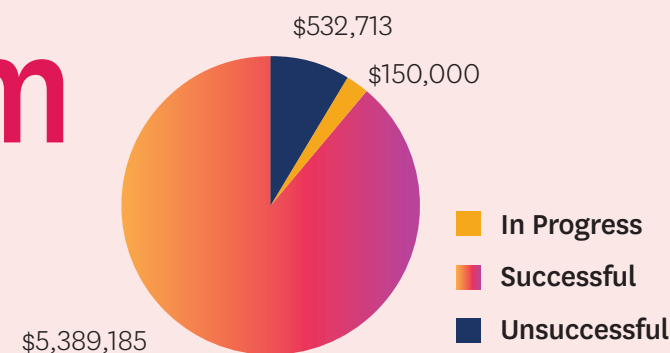
Applications made

23



Funding sought

\$6.07m



Granting local projects

Throughout 2022 Council pro-actively applied for over \$6 million of State and Federal Government funding through a range of grant programs for sport, arts, roads and various other initiatives across our community.

Key initiatives funded through successful grant applications include:

- Frankston Business Collective October 2022 Summit
- Rosemary Reserve Local Park and Play Space Upgrade

- Belvedere Park Tennis Club Redevelopment
- Langwarrin Netball Pavilion Redevelopment
- Carrum Downs Tennis / Multipurpose Courts Redevelopment

- Modular AFL Friendly Change Rooms at Healthy Futures Hub (Linen House)
- Monterey Reserve Sports Lighting
- Dunkley Tree Planting for Queens Jubilee
- Barretts Road improvements

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Deputy Mayor Liam Hughes with Frankston City Council CEO Phil Cantillon and Mayor Nathan Conroy

Frankston City's youngest ever Deputy Mayor

In 2020 Liam Hughes became the youngest Councillor in Victoria at the age of 18. Aged 20, he was voted in as Deputy Mayor, a week before turning 21. "All I can say is that I'm the youngest Deputy Mayor ever in Frankston City. That's a guarantee. I'm not so sure about Victoria – but why not?"

He said being elected as Deputy Mayor shows that young people have the opportunity to embrace leadership positions.

There are two from the Hughes family currently on Council, Liam and his dad, Steven. This brings with it challenges and opportunities. "Sometimes, when we vote in favour of the same things, people then say 'we agree with each other', while I am actually agreeing with the residents who voted me in. I am just a vessel for the community. They have my full commitment," he said.

Back to basics

Deputy Mayor Hughes likes to go back to what he calls the simple stuff. "Everyone looks to Council for rates, roads and rubbish. It's been a challenging year weather wise so there are issues with pot holes and long grass and for me it's important we work on that. I'd like to concentrate on the basics and what the community needs. Once we have that, we can look to other grander ideas as well."

"I really appreciate sculptures, but I need to see the basics considered – otherwise I believe

there is a problem, he said.

Deputy Mayor Hughes said he agrees with Council the majority of the time. "We get most things right - but people notice when I disagree more than when I agree."

Council has been an eye-opener for the Deputy Mayor. "You come into Council fresh and think, 'I'm going to do this!' I'm going to change that.' And you face opposition even when you think an issue is streamlined and makes sense to be supported by all, but isn't.' Sometimes it feels personal," he said.

Then there are the moments that make it all worthwhile, such as the time that he disagreed with residents in Langwarrin South paying for Barretts Road to be paved.

"I didn't think they should as there were other needs and mainly the soccer club would benefit. I brought this to Council. It ended up being funded by the Federal government so the ratepayers were spared. I was very happy about that."

Bringing change

He believes little by little, things can change. Take for instance his idea not to claim any expenses as a Councillor. "I noticed this year that others followed suite," he said, adding that this is a small symbolic gesture. "Small acts can, little by little, bring big change."

His interest in the Community stems from childhood when he and his twin brother would pick up rubbish as they

walked the streets. "It was a small thing to keep the streets clean, but people would congratulate us," he said. "And we thought we could help the community even more by running for Council."

"Together we pooled our life savings together and I made all the posters as I do graphic design on the side, and we went around Frankston and campaigned," he said. "Unfortunately my brother missed out, but both of us are happy with the outcome."

"My brother and I are very interested in local government and we talk about it a lot, which sometimes annoys my girlfriend."

When the Deputy Mayor is not focused on Council matters, working as a sailing instructor or bar tending, he can be found in Hawthorn either playing underwater hockey or studying Robotics and Megatronic Engineering, which he does as a double degree with Accounting. Any time left over is spent with his girlfriend. It's all about "multitasking and time management", he said.

"My studies in engineering are different to the world of Council. Engineering is quite black and white, whereas Council is a more like a rainbow."

For Deputy Mayor Hughes, these two worlds overlap. Then there's the future, where he hopes to contribute even more to his local community, study nuclear engineering abroad and explore more of the world which is his oyster.

Council's smart parking apps

Council's recently launched smart parking app 'Parking at Frankston' assists motorists in finding available parking spaces across the city, reducing congestion and time spent looking for the perfect spot.

The app uses in-ground sensors and a map display to provide real-time data to motorists looking for parking near them.

You can find the Parking at Frankston app in the Google Play Store (Android) or the iOS App Store (iPhone).



Midsumma Pride March

Frankston City Council will be participating in Melbourne's Midsumma Pride March as part of the Frankston City and Mornington Peninsula LGBTQIA+ Collaborative on Sunday 5 February.

Please register on Eventbrite ASAP or scan the QR code.





Promac Productions
The Voice of Sylvie Paladino
 Friday 3 February | 10.30am-11.50am, 1.30-2.50pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$20-\$22



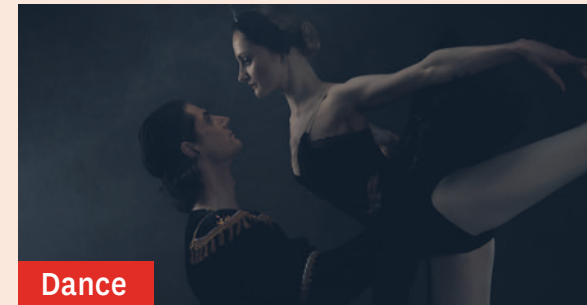
Leicashow
Richard Clapton in Concert
 Friday, 10 February | 8-10pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$58-88



Frankston Arts Centre
The Gerard V Hypno Show
 Saturday, 25 February | 7-10pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$42-\$69



The Music Group
Bjorn Again - Thank ABBA for the 2023 Tour
 Saturday, 4 March | 8-10.30pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets \$69-75



Victorian State Ballet
Swan Lake: Victorian State Ballet
 Sunday, 5 March | 2.30-4.45pm
 FAC Theatre
 Tickets: \$40-\$75

Frankston City Libraries

What's on



Storytime returns to Frankston City Libraries

From 30 January 2023. Various dates and times throughout term one.

You're never too young to enjoy Storytime at the library! The Storytime team offers a variety of engaging sessions for children aged up to five years at the Frankston, Carrum Downs and Seaford branches as well as at Karingal PLACE, Frankston North Community Centre and Langwarrin Customer Service Centre. Storytime at Frankston City Libraries is the perfect way to explore literacy and develop a love of reading together. The relaxed sessions are designed to encourage children to engage with the library space and each other.

There's no need to book, simply choose your preferred session and we'll see you there. We can't wait to see you again at Storytime!



Free Tai Chi sessions

Every second Sunday during February and March at 11am, Frankston Library, FREE

Join Frankston City Libraries, and your local community for free Tai Chi and Qigong sessions. during February and March.

Facilitated by David from Dragon Tai Chi, who has spent the last 26 years practicing the art, not only does this gentle practice have many physical and mental health benefits, it is a great way to get out and about. Come along and learn the benefits of this ancient practice.



FrankTALK and Sunday Session with Joe Matera

Sunday 12 February 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Frankston City Library, FREE

Singer/songwriter Joe Matera will talk about his book *Backstage Pass: The Grit and The Glamour* and share his stories and experiences from his career. This will be followed by a live acoustic music performance. Bookings are essential for this special event.

For more details, or to register for an event head to <https://library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On> or call 9784 1020

Scan here to see what Frankston City Libraries has on offer.



To book: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on or phone: 9784 1020

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Council officers Andrea Earle and Cameron Ashwood use drones to explore inaccessible vegetation.

Drones tackle tough Council work

Frankston City Council is turning a pipe dream into reality with the use of three drones.

These drones are used by our Operations and Environment Planning teams to monitor vegetation, conduct tree inspections and to survey Keast Park as part of the Port Phillip Bay Fund grant program to improve coastal habitat and shoreline monitoring. Capturing aerial views can help with future planning within our reserves.

Cr Kris Bolam said the drones are saving Council time and money.

“We saved a few thousand dollars by using drones when conducting tree risk assessments, especially following the rain which has made most of our reserves inaccessible. Without drones, we would have had to hire expensive specialist equipment for larger trees, whereas the drone operator can now undertake a visual

assessment of a group of trees more efficiently,” he said.

“Through drone thermal imaging technology, we are now able to identify wildlife from the air and safely remove it before conducting ecological burns. This was typically carried out by manually searching over large areas.”

Though the drones are used primarily by the Operations team, they are sometimes put to work by other Council departments. Recently, drones were used to record and promote the great work done to mount lights for the Frankston Christmas Festival of Lights.

Frankston City Council first started using drones 12 months ago, but already the benefits have been immense as far as efficiency and economy are concerned.

Fire prevention

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) work year-round to reduce the risk of bushfires in the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve.

A planned burn is to be carried out at Darnley Circuit and Ballarto Road to reduce the amount of bushfire fuels, including selecting vegetation mulching to support the burn in 2023 if conditions are suitable.

Four hectares of vegetation mulching along Tamarisk Drive and 10 hectares of vegetation mulching near Lomandra Track will remove invasive woody weeds including Tea Tree to reduce bushfire fuels.

Sign up for notifications about planned burns near you at ‘Planned Burns Victoria’ www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns. Or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Snake warning

Snakes become more active with warmer weather. They are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 as they are important in the ecosystem, taking care of pests, such as mice.

This means, it is illegal to capture, harm or kill them. Being aware is the best way to keep safe:

- Stick to designated tracks, and keep your pets on a lead at all times.
- If you see a snake, keep calm and try to move away slowly, taking pets and others with you. Alert others who may be nearby.
- Do not try to touch or scare the snake.
- Council will not interfere with snakes in their natural environment.
- Contact a local snake catcher, at your own cost, if you have a snake on your property.
- Call 000 immediately if you or someone you know is bitten.



Peninsula Leisure CEO Kath Thom (left) and Cr Claire Harvey at Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre.

PARC switches to solar

Cr Claire Harvey joined Peninsula Leisure CEO Kath Thom to flick the switch to solar at Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) Frankston.

Cr Harvey said: “The 523-kilowatt (kW) system will save an estimated 614 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually and is expected to pay for itself within 8 years.

Ms Thom added: “With almost 1 million visitors each year, PARC is a big user of energy, so this system is key in helping the reduction of Frankston City’s emissions. We are excited to see the positive impacts solar has on our energy usage and environment.”

Cr Harvey said: “The PARC rooftop solar project complements the installation of another new rooftop solar system almost completed at Frankston Civic Centre.

“The solar projects are key actions in Council’s Towards Zero Emissions Plan and will help to reduce Council’s emissions and contribution to climate change,” she said.

A new Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan is currently being developed.

Council declared a climate emergency in November 2019 and is committed to delivering projects and planning for a future with reduced emissions and a thriving environment in Frankston City.

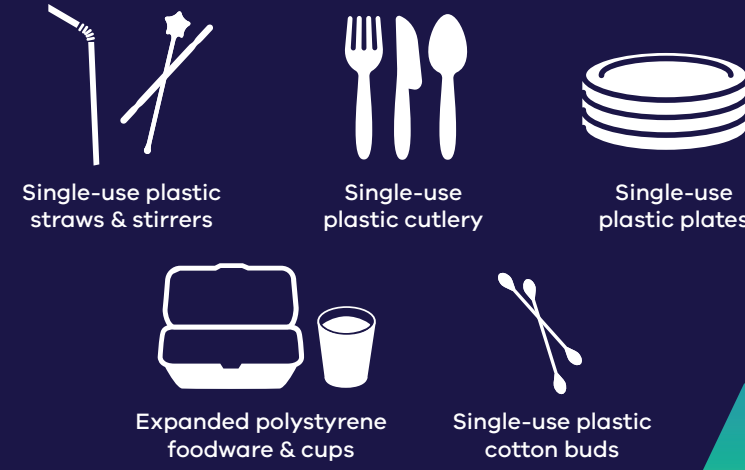
Peninsula Leisure Pty Ltd is a subsidiary company wholly owned by Frankston City Council and is charged with the management of Council’s two aquatic facilities, Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre and Pines Forest Aquatic Centre.

For more information, scan the QR code.



From 1 February 2023

these single-use plastics are banned in Victoria



Single-use plastics

From 1 February 2023, the Victorian Government is introducing a ban on the sale or supply of single-use plastics. The ban applies to all businesses across Victoria.

Single-use plastics often end up on our beautiful coastline, harming wildlife and contaminating our food and water. Cr Claire Harvey is a passionate advocate for waste reduction. Speaking on the ban, Cr Harvey said, “Single-use plastics are difficult to recycle and often end up on our beautiful foreshore. Retailers, residents and visitors must work together to protect our environment. Complying with the single-use plastics ban is just one of the many ways we can make a difference in Frankston City.”

Banned items include single-use plastic drinking straws, cutlery, plates, drink stirrers and cotton bud sticks made from conventional, degradable, and compostable plastics. It applies to food service items and drink containers made

from expanded polystyrene. The ban does not apply to single-use coffee cups – residents and visitors are still encouraged to bring a reusable cup when visiting cafes. People who need single-use plastic drinking straws due to a disability or for a medical need can still purchase and use these items.

Frankston Business Collective CEO Jeff Rogut said, “There is no doubt that single-use plastic products are a concern for the environment. We encourage businesses to acquaint themselves with the new restrictions so that they can find alternative products for use in their businesses and do not incur heavy fines.”

The Victorian Government and Sustainability Victoria have created resources to help businesses. Free information sessions for businesses are also available every Friday at 11am.

To learn more, scan the QR code.



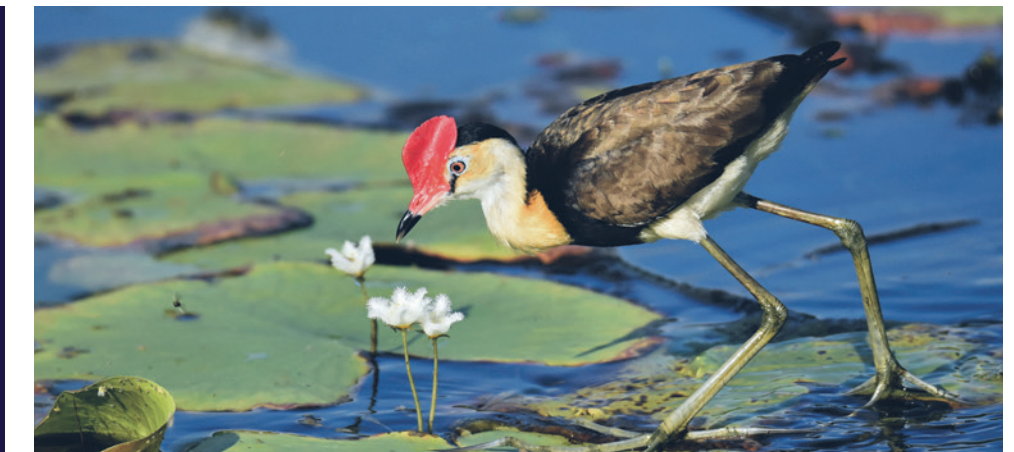
Sun, sea, sand and a story

A beach read symbolises a pause from the hustle of life.

It’s a time to enjoy those books you’ve been meaning to enjoy. To make this easier, Frankston City Library has launched its Beach Library at the Visitors Centre at Frankston Beach.

The beach library is located inside the Visitor Centre on Pier Promenade, Frankston, and is open from 10am to 4pm, seven days a week, over the summer period.

For more info scan the QR Code.



Seaford Wetlands

We are improving and enhancing Seaford Wetlands as part of the Victorian Government’s \$315 million Suburban Parks Program.

As part of this program, \$5 million is being provided for upgrades of landscaping and environmental works and improved walking paths and facilities.

The Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project is among more than 100 park and trail projects being delivered through the Suburban Parks Program.

Together, these projects will create more than 6,500 hectares of new and upgraded parks and trails across Melbourne’s suburbs – that’s an area more than more than 170 times the size of Melbourne’s Royal Botanic Gardens.

Once part of the extensive Carrum Carrum Swamp, the 158-hectare site is one of the largest natural wetlands in Port Phillip and Western Port Basins.

Seaford Wetlands is a precious community asset with significant ecology, cultural history and recreation. With over 100 species of birds, the Wetlands are renowned as a habitat for birdlife, including rare and endangered migratory birds.

In March 2022, we consulted with our community on how we can improve and enhance the Wetlands.

The feedback informed the following recommendations:

- Upgrades should prioritise the area as a natural reserve, with high ecological values including compliance with Ramsar Management Plan.
- The final design for the new pedestrian bridge should respond to the preference of 68 per cent of responders: Option A – wooden cladded bridge.
- The final location for the shared use path should respond to the preference of 81 per cent of responders: Option A – Kananook Creek path.

We have also analysed your input on locations for preferred new facilities, such as native plants, bench seating, drinking fountain, signage and lighting. We have developed a Draft Signage and Facilities Plan and we’ll seek your feedback on the Draft between 6 February and 5 March 2023.

Tell us if we’ve got the Draft Plan right or if anything is missing both online via the Engage Frankston! website and at pop up events. Keep an eye on engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/seaford-wetlands-rejuvenation for more information.

Scan the QR code for more info.



A mother and her kids enjoy a summer read

Triple-action plan for more women in sport

Frankston City Council's sporting club survey in 2020 found that only 39 per cent of users of Councils pavilions in sports clubs were women.

Knowing that women and girls participating in sports brings positive benefits both to sports people and to clubs themselves, Council has been doing all it can to encourage gender representation.

Here are three things that Council has been doing to help increase female membership:

1. Club Culture improvement and Toolkit

Launched on International Women's Day, Frankston City Council's Gender Inclusive Sporting Club Toolkit was developed to assist clubs in evaluating how welcoming and inclusive their club is for women and girls.

The toolkit provides details of the resources available to clubs to help integrate positive change and helps identify key actions clubs can undertake to implement small but powerful changes on the path towards equality.

Club committees are encouraged to use the toolkit which includes a 'Self-Assessment Tool', an 'Action Plan Template' and 'Supportive Resource' to identify their current strengths and weaknesses and highlight potential areas of improvement.

Council will continue to support club committees to build capacity and knowledge in inclusive practices and work closely with clubs to create a positive culture change.

Scan the QR Code for the toolkit.



2. Partnerships

Council recently partnered with the Strong Sisters, a movement which spiralled from the "Strong Woman" documentary on ABC iViews.

Filmmaker Alex Gaulauplu was recently in Frankston City to capture footage from the Strong Sisters Sports Festival.

"Women in general tend to stop exercising quite early on," Alex said, adding that during younger years girls and boys have the same level of participation.

"There are several reasons for less exercise. The environment



Filmmaker Alex Gaulauplu watches women play sport at Jubilee Park

needs to be welcoming with adequate changerooms. Also, a lot of women find they are restricted in time when they become mothers and finding time to exercise can be tricky. Another reason is that exercising can be expensive."

The Strong Sisters Sports Festival was embraced by Council to give more girls a chance to come and try different sports, meet with other women and be inspired.

3. More Female-friendly facilities

Upgrades to clubs like Monterey

Reserve Pavilion and Eric Bell Pavilion are ensuring that female-friendly facilities are included. In the past, a lack of change rooms have meant that women's teams have avoided playing there or had to find other alternatives.

Frankston Pines Soccer Club Treasurer Stephen Spencer had told Frankston City News at the opening that the club hopes to draw more women. "Our philosophy was 'build it and they'll come,'" he said.

Women in sports: your say



Table tennis

Sarah Grant
I had three sons, my eldest is 19 and I have a 17 and 15-year-old. My eldest was very sporty and

I spent my life running around after him with all his sports, his tennis, his basketball, his football and everything. Table tennis was my thing and I would play when I was pregnant.

We now play A-Grade and we can all play together and no longer on different nights of the week. As a social worker I know how sports can empower women. The companionship and good for your mental health, feeling included in fitting in and that's why it is good. It is very inclusive and anyone can play table tennis. There are levels for anyone.



Football

Josh McCarthy and Ben Bolano
We're trying to get more girls to get involved in the sport and run them through some

drills. AFLW is a professional sports league which should be shown as much respect as men's. It is obviously still developing.

We have a lot of junior football clubs with a high female participation number. We may not have big names yet as the sport is still in its infancy.

Girls who play get fitness benefits and make friendships for life.

Shay Dale

I've played the sport for 18 years and there are many benefits. These days,

every club has a woman's day.

All we need is to advertise it more. Many parents may think that it is a dangerous sport but touch football is a good way to introduce the sport. It is skills-based without tackling.



Hockey

Grace Green
I started off playing at school and then fell in love with the sport. It's not just hockey but a family, a

home away from home. We all like playing and look out for each other. The team has a lot of amazing female role models.

Shelby Brooks

I'm new to the sports community as a whole. I've only been doing

competitive sport for the last three years. It is really nice to be part of a group where you can be competitive and show that side of you. It's everyone encouraging everyone and not just a solo pursuit.



Netball

Anne Gallagher, netball club president, FDNA
A patriarchal system led to

girls playing netball and boys playing basketball. It's not an easy game but very challenging.

I think coming up with the new building and stadium, Jubilee Park, we are going to be more competitive with other areas and it is enabling more growth. We welcome boys everywhere. We really want a strong boys' comp and encourage boys to play.

To keep up to date with local sports project milestones, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au